

CODS CORNER

Newsletter of the Central Ohio Daffodil Society

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and best wishes for the daffodil season bursting into bloom! May your garden be full of beautiful bloom and your hands busy gathering up exciting blue ribbons!

We hope as you read this newsletter that you will immediately note on your personal calendar all the dates mentioned. We are especially pleased about the social meeting and feel your husbands will enjoy and profit from this. But way before that and something all of you will want to take part in is our very first show. There's lots to be done and a place for everyone to display talents. See you there!

One other thing - take time to share your garden. It will be among your happiest memories of the season. Mine will be open to all after April 15 - wander around at your leisure if I'm not at home. Happy daffodilling!

Cynthia Bell

SHOW TIME

We have been praying daily that the weather would cooperate and bless us with many fresh blooms for our show on April 28 at Mountview Baptist Church. Cooperation and help are necessary from all members to make this first show a great success.

Mary Lou Gripshover is having the luncheon for Members and Judges. Members are helping with the food, and if you have not signed up to make something and wish to, call Mary Lou. (488-0826)

Desperately needed are hostesses for the 1-3 and 3-5 periods the afternoon of the show. Please read your schedule and decide which artistic classes you would like to do, then call in a reservation. Encourage non-member arrangers to enter these classes.

We would hope that EVERY MEMBER WILL ENTER THE SHOW. If some of your daffodils bloom early, try refrigerating them. Remember, your ONE bloom could be Best of Show!

We are also pleased to announce that a new trophy has been donated by Cynthia Bell in honor of her very first grandson. It will be called the Christopher David Lang Award and will be given for the best bloom in the Junior Division.

Ruth Pardue, Naomi Liggett

MEETING DATES

The program committee has scheduled the following meetings through May, 1973. Please make note of them on your calendar.

- May 9, 1972 - 9:30a.m. at Cynthia Bell's home.
Business meeting with reports from school and show chairmen.
Bring any late daffodils with you for an impromptu daffodil showing.
- Sept. 10, 1972 - SUNDAY at 5:00p.m. at Gripshover residence
Pot Luck buffet supper; bring your husband.
Program- Photographing Flowers-Wells Knierim
Bulbs from members gardens will also be available for those who wish to buy any.
- Feb. 13, 1973 - 9:30a.m. at Tag Bourne's home.
Slide program - 107 from Grant Mitsch
- May 8, 1973 - 9:30a.m. at Naomi Liggett's home.
Slides from the ADS convention which is to be held in Williamsburg in 1973.

EXTENDING THE SEASON

In the last issue, we discussed some of the early blooming daffodils--those that are in bloom in this area before April 15. After the 15th, things seem to open all at once, but by the end of the month, most things have opened, and so we search the catalogs looking for cultivars which are supposed to be late. My records show that last year the miniatures Bobbysoxer, 7b; Bebop, 7b; Pixie's Sister, 7b; and Lintie, 7b, all opened on May 3. Later still, on May 7, Homage, 2c; Grey Lady, 3b, a favorite of mine with a pale grey eye; Fiorella, 3b; 3c's Dallas and Silver Salver with their lovely green eyes; and the poets Perdita, Quetzal, Milan, Red Rim, Smyrna, and Knave of Diamonds all opened. The poets are all similar, but Perdita has pointed petals, Quetzal is the largest, and Knave of Diamonds is distinctive because of its solid red cup. Miniatures Demure, 7b; Hawera and April Tears, both 5b, also opened on May 7. These last two are similar, with several pendant flowers on a stem; Hawera is yellow, while April Tears is more of a gold.

During the week of May 9 to 15, the last of the flowers opened. Gartan, a 2a in orange and yellow, was quite a nice flower. Tincton a 5b; and Pigeon, a small 2c, were both lovely white flowers. Baby Moon, a miniature jonquil hybrid, perfumes the air with its fragrance.

Cushendall, a small 3c; poeticus recurvus, 10; Dactyl, 9; and Sea Green, 9, all add charm. A favorite of mine is Grace Note, 3b, which has a green eye with a band of yellow on the cup. Sweet Music, a small double; Cornerake, a 3b with a bright red rim on the cup; X biflorus, 10; and Frigid, 3c, end my season.

Look for some of these late varieties when you go through this year's catalogs. While they won't bloom in time for the shows, they will lengthen your season. (Grey Lady, which several people have been looking for, is available from Carncairn Daffodils, Ltd., N. Irele

AFTER THE DAFFODILS BLOOM

(from the Washington Daffodil Society Newsletter - March 1972)

When P.T. Barnum closed one show, he immediately began production on the next one. So it is with daffodils--and tulips and hyacinths and virtually all other spring flowering bulbs. When the bloom is fading on high, the underground bulb is charging into the next cycle of its life. In order to produce a bloom a full year later, the plant must, within the next 6 or 8 weeks, create within the bulb a flower bud complete in all its parts. A bulb has been described as a compactly packaged flower ready for shipment. Botanically a dormant bulb is nothing more than a plant bud containing embryo foliage and flower plus a root plate. But, to be of any value the bulb must have the flower bud within it.

What can you do to help your daffodils create blooms for next year and to have more and bigger flowers? Mostly just leave them alone. A light sprinkling of 5-10-5 just after they bloom and a good watering, if the weather is dry, would be helpful, but is not essential. The essential thing is to let the foliage grow, without hindrance, to a ripe old age. The foliage, through the mysteries of photosynthesis, is busy taking carbon from the air and energy from the sun and combining it with water from the soil in order to build a fat, complete blooming size bulb before summer dormancy sets in and does away with both roots and foliage.

Daffodil and other bulb foliage becomes unattractive as May wears on. It becomes long and floppy and doesn't seem to be an organized part of its surroundings. It presents you with a choice. You can do away with it as an eyesore and forfeit your blooms, or you can put up with it in anticipation of your pleasure next spring.

That is all you can do for your daffodils until summer when the foliage has turned yellow and is disappearing. Then you have another decision to make. Did your daffodils bloom well in the Spring? If so leave them alone and go spray your roses or disbud your mums. Did your daffodils bloom sparsely and were the blooms small? If so, why? Have the bulbs multiplied in the past until they are too crowded? Have your daffodils been overgrown by nearby shrubs and trees? Were they blooming size bulbs when you received them? If they have become too crowded or have become overgrown, dig them up after the foliage has turned yellow. Either replant right away or, much better, store until mid-September and then replant. Plant back the biggest bulbs-- or all if you have room. Don't however, expect a bloom next year from any except the largest bulbs because, remember, during those vital six weeks in May and June your conditions weren't such as to put a flower bud in the bulbs. If you give any of the smaller bulbs to a friend or to a plant sale, state that they are not blooming size. Plant the bulbs in a well-drained place where they will get half a day of sunshine, a whole day is better, and give them one good season of Spring growth and they will be as good as ever.

William O. Ticknor

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